

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 866**

LCO No. 4340

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEASING OF LIGHTHOUSE
BOTTOMLANDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-27w of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The state of Connecticut, acting through the Commissioner of
4 Energy and Environmental Protection, is authorized to grant a lease or
5 other appropriate authorization [over] to allow for the occupancy of
6 submerged lands held in public trust by the state underlying or
7 associated with [the Penfield Reef Lighthouse] lighthouses for the
8 purpose of facilitating the preservation of [said lighthouse. Such lease
9 or other authorization shall constitute a right of occupancy so as to
10 facilitate the preservation of such lighthouse] such lighthouses
11 pursuant to the [federal] National Historic Lighthouse Preservation
12 Act of 2000, 16 USC 470w-7, provided any such lease shall be for
13 [consideration as determined by the Commissioner of Energy and
14 Environmental Protection, for a term of no more than ten years, subject
15 to subsequent renewals,] a term: (1) Of thirty years with the option to
16 renew whenever such lighthouse is sold pursuant to said act, or (2)
17 that is coterminous with the applicable lease whenever such lighthouse
18 is leased pursuant to said act. [and] Any such lease shall contain

19 appropriate conditions to ensure consistency with the goals and
20 policies of section 22a-92 and with other interests of the state,
21 including, but not limited to, reasonable public access whenever such
22 lease is to a nonprofit organization, preservation of historic structures
23 and education of the public regarding such structures. Nothing in this
24 section and no provision in any lease authorized pursuant to this
25 section shall be construed to relieve any lessee from the obligation to
26 obtain any applicable federal, state or local permit for the construction
27 of any new structure or appurtenance on such submerged lands.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-27w
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